

Inspection report for early years provision

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Inspector	Glenda Pownall
Type of setting	Childminder

Introduction

This inspection was carried out by Ofsted under Sections 49 and 50 of the Childcare Act 2006 on the quality and standards of the registered early years provision. 'Early years provision' refers to provision regulated by Ofsted for children from birth to 31 August following their fifth birthday (the early years age group). The registered person must ensure that this provision complies with the statutory framework for children's learning, development and welfare, known as the *Early Years Foundation Stage*.

The provider must provide a copy of this report to all parents with children at the setting where reasonably practicable. The provider must provide a copy of the report to any other person who asks for one, but may charge a fee for this service (The Childcare (Inspection) Regulations 2008 regulations 9 and 10).

The setting also makes provision for children older than the early years age group which is registered on the voluntary and/or compulsory part(s) of the Childcare Register. This report does not include an evaluation of that provision, but a comment about compliance with the requirements of the Childcare Register is included in Annex B.

There were no children on roll when this inspection took place. The findings in this report are based on evidence gathered from discussions with those who care for the children and an inspection of the premises, equipment and relevant documentation. Where there are no children on roll, no judgement is made on the quality of the early years provision as there is no reliable evidence on which to assess its impact on children. The report states if the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

Description of the childminding

The childminder registered in 2008. She lives with her husband and three children, aged under one, eight and four years, in Farnham Common near Slough, Berkshire. The childminder uses the whole of the flat for childminding. There is an enclosed garden for outside play. The childminder makes use of local facilities such as parks, the library and toddler groups. The flat is on the second floor and there are no lift facilities.

The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She may care for a maximum of four children at any one time.

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Overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder has a generally adequate knowledge of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), although she does not meet all the requirements. She demonstrates an understanding of how to meet the learning and development needs of each child through planning, observation and assessment. The childminder understands how to promote children's good health. She is aware of the information to gather from parents and the procedures to share with them to aid the smooth running of the provision and to promote the welfare of children. The childminder understands how to safeguard children, she knows the procedures to follow if she is concerned a child is at risk from abuse or neglect.

The childminder does not make a record of her risk assessment and as a result, she does not identify and minimise all potential hazards to children's safety. These include the safety of open windows, accessible cleaning products and a fire door with a hole in it. This is a breach of regulations. The childminder has not devised a clear procedure for the emergency evacuation of the premises and does not have any fire control equipment in place. This is a breach of regulations and potentially puts children's safety at risk. There is a further breach of regulations as public liability insurance is not in place.

Despite the breaches of regulations, the childminder does display a commitment to improve her childcare provision. Since registration, she has completed a paediatric first aid course to gain knowledge of what to do in the event of an accident or medical emergency and has attended training to develop knowledge of the requirements of the EYFS.

Compliance with registration requirements

In order to continue to meet the requirements of registration, the registered person must take the following action by the specified date:

- maintain a record of the risk assessment identifying aspects of the environment that need to be checked on a regular basis, recording when and by whom they have been checked and recording the steps taken to ensure hazards to children are kept to a minimum (Suitable premises, environment and equipment) 23/07/2009
- devise a clearly defined procedure for the emergency evacuation of the premises and ensure appropriate fire control equipment (such as fire extinguisher or fire blanket) is in place and in working order (Suitable premises, environment and equipment) 23/07/2009
- ensure public liability insurance is in place (Suitable premises, environment and equipment - also applies to both parts of the Childcare Register) 23/07/2009

Annex B: the Childcare Register

The provider confirms that the requirements of the compulsory part of the Childcare Register are:

Not Met (with actions)

The provider confirms that the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register are:

Not Met (with actions)

The registered provider does not meet the requirements of the compulsory and or voluntary part/s of the Childcare Register.

To comply with the requirements of the compulsory part of the Childcare Register, the registered person must take the following action/s by the specified date:

- take action as specified in the early years section of the report 23/07/2009
- keep a written statement of procedures to be followed to protect children from abuse or neglect (Arrangements for safeguarding children - also applies to the voluntary part of the Childcare Register) 23/07/2009
- keep a written statement of procedures to be followed in relation to complaints which relate to the requirements of the Childcare Register (Procedures for dealing with complaints - also applies to the voluntary part of the Childcare Register) 23/07/2009

To comply with the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register, the registered person must take the following action/s by the specified date:

- take action as specified above and in the early years section of the report 23/07/2009